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SUBSTRATE PLATING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371
- 3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4. [X] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
  - a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (Form PCT/IB/308) Attachment "A"
  - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). -Attachment "B"
- 7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
  - a. If are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. | have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. [] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.
- 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)).
- 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (55) U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

## Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Attachment "C"
- 12. [] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment. Attachment "D"
  - [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. [X] Other items or information:

Unexecuted Declaration w/Cover Letter - Attachment "E"

Form PCT/IB/304 - Attachment "F"

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## COVER LETTER FOR APPLICATION FILED WITHOUT EXECUTED DECLARATION

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The above-identified application has been submitted without an executed oath or declaration.

It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a serial number and awarded a filing date.

A duly executed oath or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 will be submitted after notification by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

A non-executed copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, containing the inventorship information, is attached. It is respectfully requested that all communications be directed to the firm indicated on the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, namely:

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The required U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Filing Fee is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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